

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday October 8th 2006

IRTS Jubilee AGM

Next year we celebrate the 75th jubilee of the IRTS and the committee are pleased to announce that the Jubilee Annual General Meeting weekend will be held at the Vienna Woods Hotel in Cork on April the 21st and 22nd 2007.

The event will be organised by a sub-committee of the IRTS committee. Full details will be announced in due course.

IRTS Contests

In 2007, IRTS will be sponsoring 7 contests, starting with the 80 metres Counties Contest on the 1st of January, and concluding with the special CQIR - Ireland Calling Contest on the 29th and 30th of September.

The full IRTS Contest Calendar for 2007, along with the Rules of each contest, are now on the "Contests" page of the IRTS web site, at www.irts.ie Participating in contests is a great way to improve your operating skills, including operation under field day conditions, and to work those rare counties.

AREN News

Over the coming week, all AREN members Nationwide will be contacted by phone in order to ensure that their contact details on the database are up to date. In addition newly signed up members will be contacted to update the database regarding their equipment capabilities.

The on-air member training will commence later this month with full details announced in next week's radio news and on the AREN website.

The AREN stand at the recent Cork Rally was well received with plenty of interest in the technical and operational aspects of the Service. Five new members were welcomed on board.

This is a good time of the year for any interested experimenters to join AREN. Contact details are on the website www.aren.ie or alternatively send an email to "ei4jn

at eircom dot net”.

Slide Rule and Abacus Exhibition at ILAC Central

Library.

An exhibition of non-electronic methods of calculation will be on view at the ILAC Library, Henry Street Dublin until the 28th of October 2006. The Exhibition is for historic and educational purposes only, and is free of charge. You do not need to have any mathematical knowledge to view the exhibition. Why not drop by and have a look! The Collection is privately owned by Liam, EI9DVB.

Theory Classes

Theory classes for the Experimenters Radio Licence will be starting Shortly in Garbally Collage, Ballinasloe and interested parties should contact Noel EI6HW by e-mail at “nfmulvihill at eircom dot net”.

Limerick Radio Club

The first meeting of the Autumn season of Limerick Radio Club will take place this coming Thursday, the 12th of October at 7.30 p.m. in Limerick RTC at Moylish. All are welcome.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The Waterford Rally will take place on Sunday the 15th of October 2006. This year the rally will take place in The Woodlands Hotel on the Dunmore Road in Waterford City.

South East Communications from Waterford and Long Communications from Donegal have confirmed their attendance at the rally. The Irish Radio Transmitters Society and AREN will also be a welcome presence and the 'Bring and Buy' will also be available.

Doors open at 11.00 a.m. and admission is 5 Euro. Children, accompanied by an adult are admitted free of charge.

For queries, contact the rally organiser, Michael Hoban, EI5DCB on 051-873310 or visit www.searg.com A directions map is available on the web site.

Mayo Rally

The Mayo Rally will take place on Sunday the 26th of November 11:00 a.m. in the Belmont Hotel, Knock. Special rates are available for those wishing to stay overnight. Bed and Breakfast is 50 Euro per person sharing or 70 Euro with evening meal.

For bookings, contact the Belmont Hotel directly on 094-9388122. For enquiries about the Mayo rally, contact the rally organiser: Padaric Baynes EI9JA on 087-6957154 or email "pbaynes1 at eircom dot net".

Jamboree On The Air

The 49th JOTA will take place during the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of October 2006. Each year over 500,000 Scouts and Guides from all over the world participate in this event where Scouting experiences are shared and ideas exchanged thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. While the event lasts from midnight local time Friday night to midnight Sunday night, Stations participating can choose their own operating hours.

Further information including training material can be obtained from Sean EI3IP, Scouting Ireland National JOTA Organiser by emailing jota at scouts dot ie. Training material can be downloaded from the Scouting Ireland Radio Scouting Web page at www.scouts.ie/international/jota Details of participating Groups will follow.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sundays bulletin.

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